

**Report on actions taken by the Rhode Island Ethics Commission  
in Executive Session held on July 14, 2020:**

1. Voted (6-0) to approve the minutes of the Executive Session held on June 2, 2020.

[Reporter's Note: The vote was as follows:

AYES: Marisa A. Quinn, Chairperson; Arianne Corrente, Vice Chairperson; M. Therese Antone; J. Douglas Bennett; Timothy Murphy; and Emili B. Vaziri.

ABSTENTION: Robert A. Salk.]

2. Unanimously voted (7-0) to consolidate the matters of **In re: Janice McClanaghan**, Complaint No. 2019-15, **In re: Michael Vendetti**, Complaint No. 2019-16, **In re: Chris Mannix**, Complaint No. 2019-17, and **In re: Natalie McDonald**, Complaint No. 2019-18, for a Probable Cause Hearing.

As an initial matter, the Commission voted unanimously (7-0) to grant the prosecution's request for leave to amend its Investigative Reports and to substitute the amended Investigative Reports for publication.

With respect to each matter, the Commission unanimously voted (7-0) that there does not exist probable cause to believe that the Respondent knowingly and willfully violated the Code of Ethics and dismissed the Complaint with prejudice. Written Decisions and Orders, explaining the basis for the Commission's votes, are being prepared by the Commission's Legal Counsel and will be released along with copies of the prosecutors' amended Investigative Reports.

3. Unanimously voted (7-0) in the matter of **In re: Leonidas Raptakis**, Complaint No. 2020-2, to initially determine that the Complaint states facts that, if true, are sufficient to constitute a violation of the financial disclosure mandate and authorized an investigation.

An Initial Determination is a preliminary vote that should not be construed as an opinion regarding the truth of the facts alleged in the complaint but is merely a vote to conduct an investigation into the allegations raised.

4. Unanimously voted (6-0) in the matter of **In re: James H. Brady, Jr.**, Complaint No. 2020-3, to initially determine that the Complaint states facts that, if true, are sufficient to constitute a violation of the Code of Ethics and authorized an investigation.

[Reporter's Note: The vote was as follows:

AYES: Marisa A. Quinn, Chairperson; Arianne Corrente, Vice Chairperson; J. Douglas Bennett; Timothy Murphy; Robert A. Salk; and Emili B. Vaziri.]

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5. Conducted its annual discussion and review of Legal Counsel's contract. No vote was taken in Executive Session.
6. Received a litigation update in **Francis X. Flaherty v. Rhode Island Ethics Commission et al., Superior Court C.A. No. PC-2019-5088.**
7. Unanimously voted (6-0) to return to Open Session.